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RE: UNITED STATES v. TERRANCE STINSON - SENTENCING

78 MONTH SENTENCE FOR RETALIATION AGAINST TRIAL WITNESS

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced the sentencing on May 17, 2005 of Terrance Stinson, age 31, of Rochester, New York, to a total of 78 months imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine by United States District Judge Charles J. Siragusa. Stinson was convicted by a jury in Rochester on June 3, 2004, of one count of retaliating against a witness, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1513(b)(1).

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank H. Sherman, who handled the case along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley E. Tyler, stated that, while they were both housed at a federal detention facility near Rochester, Stinson assaulted an individual that had testified as a government witness at his federal trial in 2003 on drug, robbery and firearms charges, acting with the intent to retaliate against the individual for that testimony.

Citing the serious nature of this conduct designed to obstruct justice, Judge Siragusa ordered Stinson to serve 39 months of this 78 month prison sentence consecutive to the sentence of 60 years imprisonment which Judge Siragusa had earlier imposed on Stinson for his conviction resulting from the 2003 trial. Judge Siragusa told Stinson that he hoped this sentence would serve as a deterrent to others who might be tempted to tamper with, or retaliate against, a witness.

This sentencing of Terrance Stinson in federal court results from an OCDETF investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, assisted by the Rochester Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York State Police.

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